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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21, 23, 24, 26-68 and 70-76 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21, 23, 24, 26-68 and 70-76 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

This communication is in response to remarks and amendment filed on December 19, 2005. Claims 1-21, 23, 24, 26-68 and 70-76 remain pending.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on 12/19/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the references alone and/or in combination fail to teach an element of the independent claims (p.13). Specifically, applicant contends that Mark fails to teach “a number authentication system that provides anti-circumvention protection that prevents activation of a dialer from a location other than the user location.” Id. Applicant mischaracterizes the Mark reference but stating that it merely “teaches methods of preventing touch tone information from being stolen” and as such differentiates it from the claimed subject matter. Id. at 13-14. The examiner respectfully disagrees.

Applicant's disclosure provides that “the authenticating server 20 may include a system for identifying the first number from which the user has dialed, to prevent a user from attempting to circumvent the system 10, e.g., by activating a dialer at the user location 12 from a location other than the user location 12, [sic] Such a first number identifying system may comprise, by way of example only, Dialed Number Identification Services (DNIS) (specification pp. 9-10).” Applicant further states that upon comparing the originating call with the database of authorize locations for enabling verification, the client is prompted for a security challenge, i.e., a pin. Id. at 10. Mark teaches that the switching centers trace and determine the identity of the auto dialer

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being used to place the call from the received data (column 45). Mark further provides for multiple additional security features to authenticate access to the user as detailed in columns 49-52 and 56-58. The response to the challenge entered by client is perhaps a pin, password, birth date entered into the keypad of a phone, as provided by the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-21, 23, 24, 26-68 and 70-76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goertzel et al. (hereinafter Goertzel, US 6,308,273 B1) in view of Mark (US 5,732,133).

1. Goertzel discloses a system for enabling remote access to an application server, upon authentication of a location from which a user has sought access as an authorized location, for enabling processing of a transaction requiring user location authentication, wherein the user location includes means for enabling the user to request remote access to the application server, the system comprising (column 1, line 55-column 2, line 13):

- an access server, for receiving and processing a request for access to the application server from a user request enabling means, the server adapted to be located remote from the user's location (figure 4, 68 remote access server);
- an authenticator for authenticating the location of the user responsive to receipt of a processed request from the access server, the authenticator adapted to be connected to the access server (figure 4, 71 location detection mechanism);

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- means for interconnecting the access server and the authenticator (column 5, figure 5A-B, 528 lookup number in database; column 7, line 55-column 8, line 4).

Goertzel does not explicitly disclose a first number authentication mechanism, wherein the first number authentication mechanism provides anti-circumvention protection that prevents activation of a dialer from a location other than the user location.

Mark, however, teaches a communication system and method wherein the an auto-dialer suitable for use as a smartcard is capable of transmitting and receiving information over communication lines (e.g., database, auto-dialer and phone line) wherein programming and features of the auto-dialer can be individually enabled or disabled in response to pre-selected signals (column 5, lines 52-60). Furthermore, Mark teaches various encoding and security techniques to increase security when placing a call and/or confidential data while preventing unauthorized access and prevention of an auto-dialer utilizing a signal detector mechanism (columns 11-12).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify the security location discrimination system and methods disclosed by Goertzel and further utilize the signal detection mechanism of Mark, in order to circumvent unauthorized access to secure systems and provide verification of identity and location information to accommodate wireless portable small devices and comply with state regulations involving access and use of data and remoter services (column 5, lines 10-51).

Goertzel further discloses:

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the authenticator comprises an authenticating server (figure 14 and associated text).

3. The system of claim 1, wherein the authenticator includes means for determining the identity of the user (column 8, lines 5-13).
4. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for insuring the user's presence at the location (column 10, lines 38-52)).
- 5, 44. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling the user to request remote access to the application server (figure 1 and associated text, 49 remote computer).
6. The system of claim 1, wherein the interconnecting means comprise a network (figure 1 and associated text).
- 7,45. The system of claim 2, wherein the authenticating server includes a database of authorized locations, for enabling verification of the location of the user as an authorized user location (figure 4, database or registered numbers 74)
8. The system of claim 2, wherein the authenticating server comprises a Remote Access Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) server (figure 5B).
- 9, 36. The system of claim 3, wherein the user identity determining means comprise a challenge and response system (column 16, lines 35-47; figure 13).

10,42,57. The system of claim 4, wherein the user presence insuring means comprise a card for identifying the user, and a reader for reading the user identifying card, adapted to be connected to the user access request enabling means at the user location (column 3-4).

11. The system of claim 5, wherein the user request enabling means comprise an interface station (figure 1 and associated text, API 36, monitor 47).

12. The system of claim 5, wherein the user request enabling means comprise a client (column 4, lines 5-49).

13. The system of claim 5, wherein the user request enabling means include a location identifier (column 4, lines 50-column 6, line 50).

14, 37. The system of claim 5, wherein the authenticating means are adapted to issue a security challenge to the user request enabling means, and the user request enabling means are further adapted to interrogate the security challenge, to generate a response, and to transmit the response to the authenticator (column 16-17).

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15, 46. The system of claim 5, wherein the user request enabling means include an identifier associated with the user's location, and the authenticator comprises means for authenticating the identifier associated with the user's location (column 4, lines 50-column 6, line 50).

16. The system of claim 5, wherein the user request enabling means include a dialer, located at the user's location, and wherein the dialer includes a number associated therewith (Figure 5B)

17, 47. The system of claim 5, wherein the user request enabling means comprise a plurality of user request enabling means, and the interconnecting means comprise a network comprising an intranet which includes at least one local area network, adapted to interconnect at least one of the plurality of user request enabling means and the access server (figures 1, 2, and associated text).

18. The system of claim 5, wherein the interconnecting means are further adapted to interconnect the user request enabling means (figure 1, 2 and associated text).

19. The system of claim 6, wherein the network comprises an intranet (figure 2 and associated text).

20. The system of claim 6, wherein the network comprises the Internet (figure 2 and associated text).

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21, 38. The system of claim 8, further comprising means for enabling the user to request remote access to the application server, wherein the authenticating server is further adapted to issue a security challenge to the user request enabling means (see above cited corresponding sections).

23, 31. The system of claim 16, wherein the authenticator comprises a number identifier for identifying the number associated with the dialer located at the user's location (see above cited corresponding sections).

24, 32. The system of claim 16, wherein a dialing system includes a plurality of numbers each associated with one of a plurality of dialers adapted to enable dialing therefrom and each dialer associated with a different user location, and the authenticator further comprises means for identifying the first number dialed from in the dialing system (column 1).

26, 39. The system of claim 21, wherein the user request enabling means are adapted to issue a response to the security challenge, and the authenticating means include a database for enabling verification of the response of the user request enabling means to the security challenge (see above cited corresponding sections).

27, 33. The system of claim 23, wherein the number identifier comprises Automatic Number Identification (column 7, lines 55-59).

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28, 34. The system of claim 24, wherein the first number identifying means comprises Dialed Number Identification Services (Figure 5B).

29, 40. The system of claim 26, wherein the authenticator is further adapted to verify the response of the user request enabling means to the security challenge based on the database in the authenticator, and to authorize access to the application server (see above cited corresponding sections).

30, 35. Goertzel discloses a system for enabling remote access to an application server, upon authentication of a location from which a user has sought access as an authorized location, for enabling processing of a transaction requiring user location authentication, wherein the user location includes means for enabling the user to request remote access to the application server, the system comprising:

- an access server, for receiving and processing a request for access to the application server from a user request enabling means, the server adapted to be located remote from the user's location (see above cited corresponding sections);
- an authenticator for authenticating the location of the user responsive to receipt of the processed request from the access server, the authenticator adapted to be connected to the access server, the authenticator including a Remote Access Dial-In Service (RADIUS) server (see above cited corresponding sections);
- means for interconnecting the access server and the authenticator (see above cited corresponding sections); and

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- means for enabling the user to request remote access to the application server, such means including a dialer, located at the user's location, wherein the dialer includes a dialing number associated therewith; and (see above cited corresponding sections)

Goertzel does not explicitly disclose a first number authentication mechanism, wherein the first number authentication mechanism provides anti-circumvention protection that prevents activation of a dialer from a location other than the user location.

Mark, however, teaches a communication system and method wherein the an auto-dialer suitable for use as a smartcard is capable of transmitting and receiving information over communication lines (e.g., database, auto-dialer and phone line) wherein programming and features of the auto-dialer can be individually enabled or disabled in response to pre-selected signals (column 5, lines 52-60). Furthermore, Mark teaches various encoding and security techniques to increase security when placing a call and/or confidential data while preventing unauthorized access and prevention of an auto-dialer utilizing a signal detector mechanism (columns 11-12).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify the security location discrimination system and methods disclosed by Goertzel and further utilize the signal detection mechanism of Mark, in order to circumvent unauthorized access to secure systems and provide verification of identity and location information to accommodate wireless portable small devices and comply with state regulations involving access and use of data and remoter services (column 5, lines 10-51).

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41. Goertzel discloses a system for enabling remote access to an application server, upon authentication of a location from which a user has sought access as an authorized location, for enabling processing of a transaction requiring user location authentication, wherein the user location includes means for enabling the user to request remote access to the application server, the system comprising:

- an access server, for receiving and processing a request for access to the application server from a user request enabling means, the server adapted to be located remote from the user's location (see above cited corresponding sections);
- an authenticator for authenticating the location of the user responsive to receipt of the processed request from the access server (see above cited corresponding sections);
- means for interconnecting the access server and the authenticator (see above cited corresponding sections); and
- means for insuring user's presence at the location (see above cited corresponding sections).

Goertzel does not explicitly disclose a first number authentication mechanism, wherein the first number authentication mechanism provides anti-circumvention protection that prevents activation of a dialer from a location other than the user location.

Mark, however, teaches a communication system and method wherein the an auto-dialer suitable for use as a smartcard is capable of transmitting and receiving information over communication lines (e.g., database, auto-dialer and phone line) wherein programming and features of the auto-dialer can be individually enabled or disabled in response to pre-selected signals (column 5, lines 52-60). Furthermore, Mark teaches various encoding and security

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techniques to increase security when placing a call and/or confidential data while preventing unauthorized access and prevention of an auto-dialer utilizing a signal detector mechanism (columns 11-12).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify the security location discrimination system and methods disclosed by Goertzel and further utilize the signal detection mechanism of Mark, in order to circumvent unauthorized access to secure systems and provide verification of identity and location information to accommodate wireless portable small devices and comply with state regulations involving access and use of data and remoter services (column 5, lines 10-51).

43. Goertzel discloses a system for enabling remote access to an application server, upon authentication of a location from which a user has sought access as an authorized location, for enabling processing of a transaction requiring user location authentication, wherein the user location includes means for enabling the user to request remote access to the application server, the system comprising:

- an access server, for receiving and processing a request for access to the application server from a user request enabling means, the server adapted to be located remote from the user's location (see above cited corresponding sections);
- an authenticating server for authenticating the location of the user responsive to receipt of the processed request from the access server (see above cited corresponding sections);
- and

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- a network for interconnecting the access server and the authenticating server (see above cited corresponding sections)

Goertzel does not explicitly disclose a first number authentication mechanism, wherein the first number authentication mechanism provides anti-circumvention protection that prevents activation of a dialer from a location other than the user location.

Mark, however, teaches a communication system and method wherein the an auto-dialer suitable for use as a smartcard is capable of transmitting and receiving information over communication lines (e.g., database, auto-dialer and phone line) wherein programming and features of the auto-dialer can be individually enabled or disabled in response to pre-selected signals (column 5, lines 52-60). Furthermore, Mark teaches various encoding and security techniques to increase security when placing a call and/or confidential data while preventing unauthorized access and prevention of an auto-dialer utilizing a signal detector mechanism (columns 11-12).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify the security location discrimination system and methods disclosed by Goertzel and further utilize the signal detection mechanism of Mark, in order to circumvent unauthorized access to secure systems and provide verification of identity and location information to accommodate wireless portable small devices and comply with state regulations involving access and use of data and remoter services (column 5, lines 10-51).

48. Goertzel discloses a method of enabling remote access to an application server, upon authentication of a location from which a user has sought access thereto as an authorized

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location, for enabling processing of a transaction requiring user location authentication, wherein the user location includes means for enabling the user to request remote access to the application server, in a system which comprises an access server, for receiving and processing a request for access to the application server from user request enabling means, adapted to be located remote from the user's location, an authenticator for authenticating the location of the user responsive to receipt of the processed request from the access server, adapted to be connected to the access server, and means for interconnecting the access server and the authenticator, wherein the method comprises:

- requesting an access server to enable a user at a user's location to access the application server (see above cited corresponding sections)
- authenticating the location of the user in the authenticator (see above cited corresponding sections); and
- determining in the authenticator whether to enable the user to access the application server based on the authenticating of the user's location (see above cited corresponding sections); and

Goertzel does not explicitly disclose a first number authentication mechanism, wherein the first number authentication mechanism provides anti-circumvention protection that prevents activation of a dialer from a location other than the user location.

Mark, however, teaches a communication system and method wherein the an auto-dialer suitable for use as a smartcard is capable of transmitting and receiving information over communication lines (e.g., database, auto-dialer and phone line) wherein programming and features of the auto-dialer can be individually enabled or disabled in response to pre-selected

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signals (column 5, lines 52-60). Furthermore, Mark teaches various encoding and security techniques to increase security when placing a call and/or confidential data while preventing unauthorized access and prevention of an auto-dialer utilizing a signal detector mechanism (columns 11-12).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify the security location discrimination system and methods disclosed by Goertzel and further utilize the signal detection mechanism of Mark, in order to circumvent unauthorized access to secure systems and provide verification of identity and location information to accommodate wireless portable small devices and comply with state regulations involving access and use of data and remoter services (column 5, lines 10-51).

Claims 22, 25 and 69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goertzel et al. (hereinafter Goertzel), U.S. Patent 6,508,710 B1.

Goertzel discloses a system/method for enabling remote access to an application server, upon authentication of a location from which a user has sought access as an authorized location, for enabling processing of a transaction requiring user location authentication, wherein the user location includes means for enabling the user to request remote access to the application server, the system comprising (column 1, line 55-column 2, line 13):

- an access server, for receiving and processing a request for access to the application server from a user request enabling means, the server adapted to be located remote from the user's location (figure 4,-68 remote access server);

- an authenticator for authenticating the location of the user responsive to receipt of a processed request from the access server, the authenticator adapted to be connected to the access server (figure 4, 71 location detection mechanism);
- means for interconnecting the access server and the authenticator (column 5, figure 5A-B, 528 lookup number in database; column 7, line 55-column 8, line 4).

Goertzel does not explicitly disclose a first number authentication mechanism, wherein the first number authentication mechanism provides anti-circumvention protection that prevents activation of a dialer from a location other than the user location. Furthermore, as per claims 22, 25 and 69, Goertzel fails to explicitly disclose that the user location identifier comprises a cookie.

Mark, however, teaches a communication system and method wherein the an auto-dialer suitable for use as a smartcard is capable of transmitting and receiving information over communication lines (e.g., database, auto-dialer and phone line) wherein programming and features of the auto-dialer can be individually enabled or disabled in response to pre-selected signals (column 5, lines 52-60). Furthermore, Mark teaches various encoding and security techniques to increase security when placing a call and/or confidential data while preventing unauthorized access and prevention of an auto-dialer utilizing a signal detector mechanism (columns 11-12).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention to modify the security location discrimination system and methods disclosed by Goertzel and further utilize the signal detection mechanism of Mark, in order to circumvent unauthorized access to secure systems and provide verification of identity and location information to

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accommodate wireless portable small devices and comply with state regulations involving access and use of data and remoter services (column 5, lines 10-51).

A cookie is a block of data that a server returns to a client in response to a request from the client and commonly used to identify a user and is thus old and well known in the computer art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement a cookie as part of the authentication process to efficiently verify the location information of a returning user for enabling access.

US references 6,715,080; 6,606,708; 6,511,339 further support the examiner's contention that the use of a cookie for the above noted purpose is well-known in the art.

Corresponding claims 49-76 are directed to a method of the above claimed invention and are therefore rejected as above.

Although the Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior art(s) of record in the body of this action, the specified citations are merely representative of the teachings in the art as applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim. Since other passages and figures may apply to the claimed invention as well, it is respectfully requested that the applicant, in preparing the response, to consider fully the entire references as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior arts or disclosed by the examiner.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- US 2002/0041666 A1 to Mastro et al.
- US 6,167,130 to Rosen.
- US 6,935,952 B2 to Walker et al.

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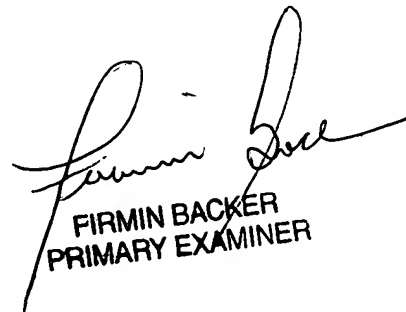
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